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LOCAL NEWS.

Services at the Methodist church next Sunday night by the pastor.

New line of shirts, overalls, dry goods, etc., just in at Ottrell's.

Miss Edna Holsclaw, of Vias, who has been in Trinity College the past session, returned Saturday.

Prof. A. Masters, who has been right sick since he came to town, is some better, we are indeed glad to know.

Rev. W. R. Savage will preach in the Episcopal church in Boone next Sunday at 4 p. m., instead of 11 a. m., as heretofore.

Miss Minnie Gross returned Tuesday from High Point, where she has been holding a position for the past two months.

Rev. Mr. Savage, of Blowing Rock, is attending his church convention which is in session at Asheville this week.

Miss Mary L. Hardin, after a visit of some length to friends and relatives in Tennessee, has returned.

NOTICE. All persons indebted to me will please make payment by July 1st, as I am bound to collect. Don't fail to heed this notice. W. F. Sherwood.

Capt. Edmund Jones and wife left last Saturday for an extended pleasure trip to the coast of Maine and Canada. They expect to be absent from home about a month.

The officers of Watauga Lodge No. 273, will be installed in the lodge room next Thursday, the 24th, at night. Brethren, take notice, and let's have as good an attendance as possible.

Mr. and Mrs. Finley Blackburn, of Mountain City, Tennessee, are spending a while with relatives in Watauga for the benefit of Mr. Blackburn's health which is right much impaired.

The town well has a new force pump, and once again the wayfarer, and other 'dry' mortals can slake their thirst with as fine water as ever ran from the Watauga hills.

Mr. J. W. C. McCall and his family left this week for the top of the Blue Ridge near Blowing Rock, where they will spend a few weeks fishing and swapping tales with Mr. G. L. Storie.—Lenoir News.

Dr. R. D. Jennings, of Banner Elk, will arrive at the Blackburn House on Tuesday, the 22nd inst, where he will remain a number of days for the practice of Dentistry.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Dykes, of Bristol, Tenn. and their sister, Miss Nora Rhea, of Bluff City, Tenn, left Monday morning for their homes after a visit of a few days at the home of their kinsman, R. C. Rivers.

If you are not satisfied after using according to directions two-thirds of a bottle of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, you can have your money back. The tablets cleanse and invigorate the stomach, improve the digestion, regulate the bowels. Give them a trial and get well. Sold by J. M. Hodges.

WANTED! Twenty teams for lumber haul to Montezuma. Good wages for workers. Pay day whenever demanded. Good teams will make from four to six dollars per day. Apply at Montezuma or Banner Elk.

MONTENZUMA LUMBER CO.
June 3, 1909.

Tax-listing is now on hand, and the same breath heavily upon the hearts of the chronic tax-dodgers.

Millard Hodges, of Blowing Rock, shot a monster blue crane Monday, measuring 6 feet 4 inches from tip to tip of the wings; with a neck 2 feet 3, supported by a pair of legs 2 feet 2 inches in length.

Owing to the heavy rain the Public Singing has been postponed until Friday July 2, 1909, to convene with Middle Fork Baptist church. We hope to see a large audience present.—E. J. Norris, chairman.

Mr. William Brown, son of Mr. Joseph Brown, of Rutherford, and brother of Prof. Roy M. Brown, of the A. T. S. Faculty, died at his home last Thursday morning, after a short illness, leaving a wife and several children. The death is a very sad one, and the deepest sympathy of all is extended to the bereaved family in their great sorrow.

Mrs. J. C. Fletcher, who has been in declining health for some time, was taken to the Charlotte Sanatorium in Charlotte last week. Mr. Fletcher returned Sunday and says she stood the trip well. Her hosts of friends in Watauga, outside of her anxious parents and immediate family, wish for the splendid lady a speedy recovery and an early return to loved ones.

Mr. David Cook, an aged gentleman of the Pine Run section, fell in an open fire last Sunday afternoon, and before he could be rescued his clothes took fire, and he was so badly burned that he died from the effects the following morning. Mr. Cook was a good, quiet, christian, gentleman, and his seeming untimely demise has brought the deepest sorrow to the hearts of his large connection and many friends. Thus ended the life of another of Watauga's aged and respected citizens.

The Girl's department of the Lees-McRae Institute which opened on April 28th, has an enrollment of 96. Every room in the dormitory is full and others wanting to come. The student body came from several countries in N. C., Va., Tenn., Fla., China, Japan and Cuba, and constitute about 50 per cent. of the entire number. Although this school has been in existence for nine years and taught by the very best of teachers, it has never yet issued a diploma, but we learn that the institution will send out six full graduates when the session closes in December. This speaks for itself as to the thoroughness of the instruction that this school gives.

Beaver Dam Notes.

The farmers of this section are busily engaged in corn hoeing, lumber hauling, etc. The prospects for good crops is flattering.

Mr. W. C. Eggars, brother of County Commissioner Eggars, is fixing to go to Neva, Tenn, where he goes to work for Uncle Sam in carrying the mail from Neva to Peora, N. C. Luck to you Bill.

Reese Bros. are putting up a good stock of goods in the Jas. Shell old stand at Leander.

The McBride and Farthings saw mill is now in operation, cutting a large amount of fine timber, which they purchased from Mr. James Horton, of Cove Creek.

Mr. Smith Hagaman is disposing of the property of the late John Green, at private sale.

Mr. J. J. T. Reese, of Reese, the king lumber dealer of this section, is preparing to move his saw mill to the Fork Ridge where he will manufacture a large amount of timber purchased from Mr. W. H. Hilliard. Mr. Reese is one of our most prosperous citizens, and has done much for his fellow men in many ways.

Mr. Lemuel Green, of Oklahoma, who came to visit his brother John during his last illness, will leave for his western home in a few days.

Whooping cough is raging on lower Beaver Dams.

Arthur, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Henson, is very low with fever.

East Beaver Dams boasts of its record as being the greatest canine killer in the county. During the early spring dogs broke out to killing sheep in this section. They invaded the flocks of a great many farmers and killed more or less out of each flock. The request of the farmers to the owners of these dogs was ignored, and they permitted them to still run at large and continue to chase the sheep. So there was a band organized known as the "Lucky Five" to put down the dog infestation. And now the farmers of this part are resting easily these days about their sheep, as the "band" has succeeded in laying low thirteen of the useless yaps.

Success to the Democrat.

REX O.

The Farmers' Institutes.

Editor Democrat:—The State Department of Agriculture is planning to send out several parties to engage in Institute work this summer. It is our desire to cover the state as well as we can. The several articles that have been published in some of our State papers within the past few weeks calling attention to the great drain made upon our State for home supplies brought into North Carolina from other states should cause our farmers to stop and consider if there is not a better way of farming than the one we are now following. Several hundred thousand dollars worth of corn, hay, meat, flour, wheat, and other farm products brought annually into some of our counties and most of it sold to farmers is the strongest argument that can be made in favor of a change of farming methods. The institutes are intended to correct this practice as much as possible. The speakers will discuss diversification of crops, special crops, rotation of crops, soil improvement, fertilizers, stock raising, dairying and other questions of vital interest to the farmers of the State. In your county we are hoping to hold an institute at Boone.

In many sections there will be also a woman's institute, due announcement of which will be made later. We want the farmers' wives to attend these institutes and let the most out of them they can.

T. B. PARKER, Director.
Raleigh, N. C., June 14.

The Childrens Home the orphanage of the Western North Carolina Conference located in Winston, will be opened 1st, of August. The plans for conducting the orphanage are on broad erlines than any other, for the reason that provision is made for the acceptance of infants.

Jesse L. Bunker, youngest son of "Chang" one of the famous Siamese twins was killed at his place a mile west of Mt. Airy by lightning a few days ago. He was a highly educated deaf mute, 47 years old and leaves a wife and several children. His wife is prostrated and expected to die.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Rogers, eight miles from Asheville, are the parents of six pairs of twins. They have been married eight years and are the parents of twelve children, two at each of six births.

The North Carolina Press Convention will meet at Hendersonville, N. C., June 23d and 24th. The editors will then go on an excursion to Morehead City.

The G. O. P. is to reduce the duty on chloroform. Doubtless it figures that it will be necessary to put a good many people to sleep just before the next Congressional election.

New for the Rail Road.

Mr. Editor:—I am not against the railroad. I am for it, but on conditions heretofore stated.

Since the conference at Boone on the first Monday, and having heard the pointed statement by Mr. F. A. Linney relative to the scheme, it now seems that instead of any opposition, we can all well afford to do what we can for the project, as the intimation was that it would be beneficial to the masses, as the proposition seems, in its embryo state, to tend throughward.

We all hope the railroad may be built as early as practicable, and shall be glad to vote and do all we can for it under conditions as stated. Welcome! Welcome! Come ahead.

JOHN H. BINGHAM.

FOR SALE

PURE-BRED SHORT HORNS. Three 2-year-old heifers; one heifer calf; one bull calf; two cows; one herd bull. These cattle are all well bred and Registered. I will sell as a whole or any part of them cheap.

F. W. RICHARDS.
Banner Elk, N. C.
June 10, 2m.

NOTICE! I have a few Mowers, Rakes and Tedders on hand and want to sell them. If you need anything in the line, I can furnish you more cheaply than you can buy the same machinery on the Rail Road.

W. E. SPILEY,
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FOR FLETCHER'S
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When troubled with constipation you want a remedy that is easy and pleasant to take. A remedy that is mild and gentle in its action. A remedy that is sure to produce the desired effect. A remedy that leaves the bowels in a natural and healthy condition.

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meet all of these requirements. Give them a trial and you will never wish to take another dose of pills. Use them as directed and they will cure chronic constipation. Price 25 cents. Every box is warranted. All druggists.

LOOK, READ! ACT!

For the next 60 days, beginning Saturday May the 8th I will sell my entire stock of mens, youths and children

SUITS AT COST.

I will also put in this cost sale a lot of shoes. Men's Ladies and children's Slippers, Ladies hats, mens and boys straw hats. A lot of dry goods and Notions will go in this sale.

Don't fail to investigate this proposition for I have over 100 suits besides odd pants for you to select from. First come first served. This is no catch scheme but strictly a BUSINESS PROPOSITION.

This Sale will be strictly for cash in hand. No goods charged. Remember the date, Saturday May the 8th, and continuing for 60 days

Yours for Business,

W. F. SHERWOOD,

Amantha, N. C. May 6th 1909.

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IS THE PANIC OVER?

It makes no difference whether the panic is over or not, you evidently want to save every dollar you can. We have just unloaded

A Solid Car Load of Grass Seed.

This seed was bought on the December market and this fact alone positively puts us in position to save you money. We firmly believe that you can buy your seeds now from 10 per cent. to 20 per cent. less than you can buy them late in the season as the market invariably advances as the season comes on.

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Read and Save.

I have just received one of the most up to date lines of men's dress shirts, ties, collars, hosiery, gauze underwear for both ladies and gents in town. Boy's suits, overalls, Hankerchiefs, side combs, suspenders, childrens hosiery and boy's waist. I will sell you six spools of Clark's O. N. T. thread for 25 cts. Plenty of other bargains just as cheap. Hope to greet your smiling face in short time and have the pleasure showing you my bargains I have decided to not handle any produce this summer and sell you goods cheaper for cash. Wishing you all a prosperous year.

Yours Very Truly,
THE RACKET.

R. M. Green, Prop.

Attention, Buyers!

If you are in need of clothing you will find it to your interest to call on me and examine my stock of pawn-brokers goods, I have them in all styles and sizes, almost as good as new for better than a good deal of the new clothing, and the price is a great deal lower, so low that even the poorest people can wear good clothes. I also have new clothing for children boys and men at about 25 per cent less than you can buy elsewhere.

If it is shoes you need just give me a call. I handle the famous Geo. DeWitt shoes, no better made at the price, my shoes are new and up to date my store is fast filling up with bargains in department, I have no leaders to bait you, but all business done on business principles.

I sell for pay. I don't like to wait. Time and tide wait for no one, why should I; when in Boone be sure to give me a call. Its a pleasure to show you my goods.

Yours for trade,
D Jones Cottrell

Coming to Town?

If so you are most cordially invited to visit my store, get my prices, and then decide for yourself whether or not I am prepared to give you as good or better bargains than you can get elsewhere. Remember the almighty dollar has a great purchasing power when expended at my store.

A good line of groceries, sugar, coffees, rice, lard, flour, etc., always on hand. Dry goods, notions, toilet articles, candies and nuts.

A big lot of school supplies, pens, pencils, tablets, ink, in fact anything you want in this line. Come and see me.

Chickens, eggs, butter and other good produce always taken at the highest market prices. Come.

Very Respectfully,
L. L. CRITCHFIELD
(Near School Campus)